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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: INTERNAL TALKS STILL STALLED

REF: PRETORIA 0962

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT THE INTERNAL TALKS SESSION OF
FEBRUARY 21 ENDED IN A CONTINUING DEADLOCK ON INTERIM
GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENTS (REFTEL) WITH INTERNAL BLACK
LEADERS REJECTING SMITH'S PLAN. SITHOLE'S VICE- PRESIDENT
ELLIOT GABELLAH IS QUOTED AS SAYING " UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES"
COULD THEY ACCEPT SMITH'S PROPOSALS WHILE UANC SPOKESMAN
DAVID NUKOME TOLD THE PRESS THAT " THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT (MUST)
BE PROROGUED AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE MUST ALSO BE
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DISSOLVED". ONE ACCOUNT STATED THE BLACK LEADERS WERE NOT
DESPONDENT FOR THEY EXPECTED SMITH TO OFFER A COMPROMISE.
THE ACCOUNT SAID THAT SMITH HAS CALLED A RHODESIAN FRONT CAUCUS
MEETING TODAY, FEBRUARY 22, TO ASK TO BE ALLOWED TO
MODIFY HIS PLAN FOR ACCEPTANCE BY THE BLACK LEADERS.

2. MEANWHILE, SMITH TOLD A TELEVISION INTERVIEWER ON

FEBRUARY 21 THAT RHODESIANS SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE
AGREEMENT REACHED LAST WEEK WAS BY NO MEANS THE FINAL SETTLEMENT
OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH
HE WAS WITHIN " A COUPLE OF DAYS OR A COUPLE OF WEEKS" OF
FINALIZING A SETTLEMENT, IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT ANYTHING
ALREADY ACHIEVED WAS ONLY A FIRST STEP.
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